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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO TAIPEI INFO SECSTATE MANILA
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI TOKYO JAN 3, 1975 FROM HONG KONG
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 0063

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA (MANSFIELD, MIKE), ENRG CH TW US

SUBJ: SENATOR MANSFIELD REQUESTS INFORMATION RE US OIL
COMPANIES WORKING OFF TAIWAN

1. DURING BRIEFING AT CONGEN JANUARY 3 SENATOR MANSFIELD
ASKED WHETHER ANY US COMPANIES WERE EXPLORING FOR OIL
OFF THE COAST OF TAIWAN, AND WE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMA-
TIVE. THE SENATOR THEN ASKED FOR DETAILS REGARDING
THE AREAS OF THE LEASES, THE NAMES OF THE US COMPANIES
INVOLVED, THEIR MANNER OF OPERATING (E.G., THIRD-COUNTRY
SHIPS AND CREWS), THEIR CURRENT ACTIVITIES (SURVEYING,
DRILLING, EXPLOITING), AND THE LOCATION INVOLVED (IN
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PARTICULAR, WHETHER ANY IN THE SENKAKUS AREA). SENATOR

ALSO ASKED WHETHER ANY USG INVESTMENT GUARANTEES,
SUCH AS OPIC, WERE INVOLVED.

2. SENATOR MANSFIELD WANTS TO WORK WITH THESE
MATERIALS UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT CINCPAC ON SUNDAY, JANU-
ARY 5. WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL OVERNIGHT AND DEPART ON
MONDAY JANUARY 6.

3. SENATOR REQUESTED THAT YOU PREPARE
RESPONSES TO HIS QUESTIONS AND CABLE THEM TO CINCPAC
FOR POLAD TO BE AVAILABLE UPON HIS ARRIVAL.

4. FYI: IT WAS CLEAR THAT ONE OF SENATOR'S MAJOR
CONCERNS WAS THAT US-- GOVERNMENT AND OIL COMPANIES--
BY THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN OFF-SHORE OIL WORK IN THE TAIWAN
AREA, PARTICULARLY NEAR THE SENKAKUS, COULD COMPLICATE
BOTH SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH PRC RE ITS
OFF-SHORE OIL DEVELOPMENT.
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